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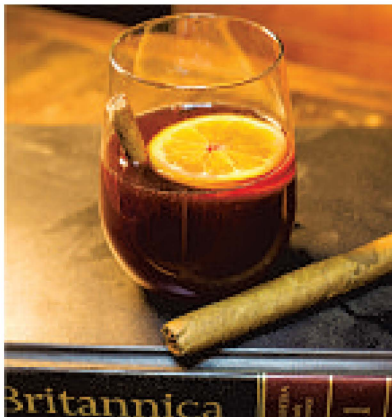
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The Friendly Confines living up to its name



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On Saturday, right before the big game, I found myself engaged in the usual tug-of-war that some sports fans find themselves in on social media. Perhaps feeling extra adrenaline awash within my Philadelphia roots, I was trying to think of

ways to stick it in the face of Mets fans.

So my inner baseline heckler started accumulating, for public consumption, a list of "Places nicer than Queens, N.Y."

Wrigleyville? Well, obviously. Staten Island? New York City's second-largest land mass is supposedly built on a landfill. That could work. Where else?

How about the prison cell of Mets fan and former Wall Street guru Bernard Madoff? That's sticking them where it hurts. Or maybe the water chamber of Snoop Dogg's bong? Funny. (Probably not totally true, though.)

You see, ever since Friday morning's papers hit the streets, it seemed like it

was on. Fightin' words were in the air. Everything from the Tribune's "Cubs Collapse of 1969: An Oral History" to the New York Post's psychoanalytic barbs about how "masochistic Cubs fans want to lose"—they all started to torment my soul as a Cubs fan. I doubt I was alone.

That said, for Cubs fans, trash talk isn't really our thing. Few Chicago Cubs fans are particularly mean-spirited enough to toss verbal grenades, even after going down 0-2 against the Mets in the NLCS or being 107 years removed from a World Series title.

I can't speak for Mets fans, or any other fans of baseball perhaps. But I do know that being a Cubs fan is about more than nine guys on a baseball diamond.

Sure, we're (still) pumped about overcoming the St. Louis Cardinals, 2015's best team. And our own 97-win season is a source of pride. But being a Cubs fan, whether or not you live within a stone's throw of Wrigley Field, is like being part of a different culture.

Some of this Cubs culture comes from our own skeleton closet, full of laughable

superstitions perpetrated by billy goats, fan interference and years of apparent futility.

But much comes from our Friendly Confines, a baseball neighborhood as warm and welcoming as a family cookout, sometimes as wild as the old Maxwell Street on the weekend. And some of it comes from heroes and icons, such as the late Ron Santo and Ernie Banks. One other thing—the Cubs have fans everywhere.

When our team loses, everyone from the local dry cleaner to late-night TV hosts make jokes. When we win, we get cheered on. Last week we even got a billboard cheer from the White Sox.

Though it may sound like a concession—and one that is characteristically Cubs-style—our mission goes well beyond the next game. World Series or not, Cubs people have a lot going for us. A great team, great fans and a ballpark that is the envy of most other cities and ball clubs.

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***GAME 6**
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3 p.m. Saturday

***GAME 7**
Cubs @ Mets,
7 p.m. Sunday

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Cubs hope batting heats up with temps

By Chris Kuc | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The sun came out a day after the Cubs fell behind 2-0 to the Mets in the National League Championship Series.

While the forecast for the outcome of the best-of-seven series is a bit gloomier than the Cubs would like, at least the weather should be more comfortable for Games 3 and 4 at Wrigley Field on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

"I'm excited to be back in a little bit warmer weather," Cubs slugger Kris Bryant said following a light workout Monday at sun-drenched Wrigley Field, where the temperature hovered at 70 degrees. "I don't know what it's going to be like at night, but I'm excited not to wear two long-sleeve shirts."

Expected daytime highs for Tuesday and Wednesday in Chicago are 72 and 74, respectively, with a chance of rain each day. Lows are expected to be 54 and 57. Game-time temperature for Game 2 on Sunday night at Citi Field in New York was 45 degrees.

"It was freezing," Bryant said. "But when you're playing in the game you don't really feel it that much. A lot of it is mental. You don't like playing in the cold, but they have to play in the cold too."

The Cubs mostly rely on their bats to win games, and frigid temperatures can be a hindrance. They have scratched out a combined three runs on 10 hits during the first two games of the series. While much of the struggles can be attributed to superb Mets pitching, a little heat could help.

"Preferably for the lineup, of course the guys will feel their hands a little bit better," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "It should work out somewhat better for us offensively. I would like to believe that, but at the end of the day it's always about the other team and your starting pitching. It's always about starting pitching. I'd like to believe with a little warmer weather, our guys are going to have a little better feel at the plate."



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Imagine confronting the person who just robbed you on a CTA platform and having more than a dozen people watch and do nothing to help you. That's what happened to 27-year-old Nina Bennett on her way home from work. This is her story, edited for space and clarity:

"I had my wallet on the top of my purse because I was trying to make the train. I was rushing, so that's why I didn't really think anything of it when somebody bumped into me as I was boarding. I turn around to say, 'I'm sorry,' and the guy wasn't there. And then I looked down and noticed my wallet was gone.

"I see one lone guy standing on the platform still, so it was obvious to me that he was the guy who lifted my wallet. I stopped the doors from closing and just kind of stood in front of them to do one more check. The man boarded the very last car and I realized, 'OK, I got him until the Chicago stop.'

"I was about to cross cars to confront him, and he saw me. He jumped off the train at the last second and I quickly jumped off too.

"I started to scream at him, 'Hey, hey! You stole my [bleep] wallet!' And he of course was like, 'No.' I just keep screaming as loud as possible, 'You STOLE my wallet!'

"I'm trying to make a scene, but nobody is doing anything. There has to be about at least 10 people on the other side of the platform watching us. So after denying it, he goes, 'What if I can get it back for you?' and I'm like, 'How are you going to get it back? You're not leaving this platform.' I'm starting to make even more of a scene. Nobody does anything.

"Now he's just trying to get off the platform without getting arrested. I'm hysterical at this point. He goes, 'It's right over there. I saw where someone else stashed it.' We go to where there's an ATM, and he was like, 'Oh

see? It was right by this ATM.'

"I saw him pull it out of his sock.

"By the time this ended, there had to be 30-ish people watching. Someone could have easily pushed the help button or walked the extra 20 feet to grab CTA personnel.

"I'm shaking, and people were looking at me like I was the crazy one for yelling on the platform. That was the biggest thing. People were giving ME crazy looks, but nobody did anything. I was just so disturbed by it."

Criminology experts say that sometimes witnesses don't come to the aid of people in emergency situations because of a social psychological phenomenon, the "bystander effect."

Professor of psychology and criminal justice at Loyola University Arthur Lurigio said the "bystander effect" happens for three reasons.

1. Diffusion of responsibility: Everyone expects everyone else to act.

2. Audience inhibition: A fear of feeling foolish if they somehow misjudge a situation and intervene.

3. Social influence: If no one is doing anything about it, people follow those cues.

"I would have to guess that at least two of these reasons apply to this situation, maybe all three," Lurigio said.

As for why Bennett didn't file a police report or tell a CTA official right after it happened, Lurigio offered some insight.

"People are distraught and want to get away from anxiety-provoking situations," he said. "It's not something that happens on a regular basis, so it's emotionally infused and scary. The unexpectedness makes you feel vulnerable, and you just want to get to a safe haven."

The CTA and Chicago Police were not immediately available for comment.

There are ways of intervening without getting involved directly. If you see someone's immediate safety being threatened, call 911 or notify CTA personnel. Push the call buttons to get assistance or directly ask the victim if they need help. Sometimes being a good witness is the best thing you can do for someone.

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The mayor sends the desserts as a thank-you to campaign donors and to a regular list of friends and family around the holidays, his campaign has said. All told, since he first ran for Chicago mayor, he's ordered more than \$116,000 in cheesecakes from Eli's. Add in his congressional campaigns and his time running the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and records show Emanuel has spent more than \$148,000 in political cash on the popular Chicago dessert. That's good for somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 cheesecakes. **TRIBUNE**

Amazon sues to block phony product reviews

Amazon is stepping up its fight against bogus product reviews on its site, suing more than 1,000 people for allegedly offering to post glowing write-ups for as little as \$5 apiece. Amazon is going after review writers who have accounts on freelance marketplace **Fiverr.com**. The writers promise five-star reviews to companies that sell products on **Amazon.com**, according to the complaint. In many cases, the writers ask the sellers to write the review, and then put their name on it, the lawsuit alleges. Amazon is suing for unspecified damages and an order forcing the users to stop writing fake reviews. **AP**



The Federal Aviation Administration plans to require people to register their drones.

Government to require drone registration

Concerned about rising reports of close calls and safety risks involving drones, the government announced Monday that it will require many of the unmanned aircraft to be registered.

Registration will increase pressure on drone operators to fly responsibly, Federal Aviation Administration chief Michael Huerta said. Registration would allow the FAA to identify drones when they can be recovered after landing or crashing.

The FAA receives about 100 reports a month from pilots who say they've seen drones flying near planes and airports. So far there have been no accidents, but agency officials have said they're concerned that a drone might cause serious damage if it is sucked into an engine or smashes into an airliner's windshield. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said he hopes to have requirements in place by mid-December. **AP**

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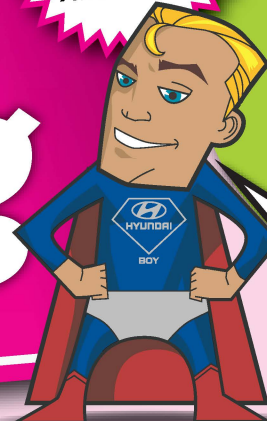
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ChrisDell Harris (right) of the Chicago Bliss fends off an opponent.



they play tough

The Chicago Bliss sells tickets and wins championships, but its players are unpaid

By Lauren Chval | FOR REDEYE

Heather Furr is one of four daughters, but she describes herself as her dad's only son. She has vivid memories of watching football with him on the couch and playing catch in the backyard. At school, she loved to play football with the boys.

"All the boys at recess—I was their go-to girl," Furr said.

Now she's the go-to girl for the Chicago Bliss, one of six teams in the Legends Football League, a women's 7-on-7 tackle football league. Five-year veteran Furr led the Bliss to

league championships in 2013 and 2014, and her teammates refer to her as "the matriarch" and "Big Mama."

Furr can throw a spiral and take a hit like Jay Cutler, but it's impossible to miss that her uniform is little more than underwear. And

unlike Cutler, she's not getting paid.

Yes, the LFL used to stand for the Lingerie Football League before it was rebranded in 2013. The rebranding didn't include adding pants or even a sports bra, but Furr said she forgets about it once she steps onto the field.

"If that's what draws people in, then ..." Furr said. "It looks good. Look good, feel good, play good."

The uniform was an adjustment for her football-loving father, but Furr said that once he saw his first game, he realized these women

are serious.

"Yes, the uniform draws people in, but that's only the first time," said Furr's teammate ChrisDell Harris. "If they come back, that's because they love the game and they respect what we're doing."

It's true that there are some downsides to the uniforms, depending on who you ask. The women said they sometimes have to deal with "mishaps," when other players pull their bottoms down or their breasts get exposed. But those are few and far between, only occurring



Alli Alberts (left) and Chabria Survillion of the Chicago Bliss

"once or twice a season."

Eight women of the Bliss star in "Pretty Strong," a reality series on Oxygen that follows their lives on and off the field. The title credits include shots of them pulling up knee socks and trading hoop earrings for eye black. The series premiere, which aired Oct. 6, opens on the 2014 league championship game. Furr is behind center, eyes focused on the field before her, her hair perfectly curled. When they win the game, confetti rains down upon them and they jump into one another's arms in celebration.

"For my life, I always need that competitive outlet," said Alli Alberts, the team's leading receiver. "You can still play sports and pick-up and stuff, but it's just not the same when you're not going for this goal all season long with a group of girls that are all pulling for the same goal. When I found this team, I just felt like I was myself again."

The title "Pretty Strong." may give some the idea that beauty has an edge over athleticism for these women, but they insist that couldn't be further from the truth. Lingerie football might inspire images of models running around in their underwear, pushing each other around for show, but "Pretty Strong." makes it clear that the hits are for real with every cringe-inducing crunch. On camera, Alberts says she's grateful for the opportunity to let her crazy out before the show cuts to shots of her going off on a ref or slamming another player to the ground.

In fact, most of the women scoff at the idea of playing in hopes that the visibility will help secure a modeling contract or other high-profile vocation. When considering what they get out of playing in the LFL, the Bliss players don't focus on goals beyond the dream of playing football.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I ever imagine that I would be interviewed because I play football," said Yashi Rice, whose brother Simeon was an All-American for the Uni-

versity of Illinois and won a Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "We're doing it in a very classy way, in a very strong way. And we're motivating other girls around the world to want to play football now. To inspire young girls in a way that's never been done before—that is my mission."

The fan reviews on Ticketmaster are filled with



comments that support the players' claims that they play true football.

"Excellent game," one five-star reviewer wrote. "The only way to see a real football game for an affordable price."

About that affordable price: Tickets to see the Bliss play at Toyota Park in Bridgview go for as low as \$15. The needle scratch comes when you ask how much the players make.

"We don't get paid anything to play," Alberts said. "Like, zero."

In fact, each player has to pay a registration fee of \$45, which the league said helps to cover hotel rooms, airfare, meals, stadium rental, operation costs, ground transportation, television production, staffing, catering and promotion.

"If you are familiar with the struggles of 'start-up' sports leagues and specifically women's leagues, then you would understand that it is considered a success when you can simply maintain the league in hopes of one day breaking through," the LFL media relations team told RedEye in an email. "That is where the LFL stands today, it barely sustains itself from week to week, until the point of commercial success."

When the league was founded in 2009, it actually did pay its players a small percentage of ticket sales and offered health insurance to cover injuries sustained during play. Alberts said LFL founder and commissioner Mitchell Mortaza told the players that they moved away from this model in order to attract women who purely played for the love of the game. The LFL said this is partially true, but that the decision was primarily made to be able to sustain the league, which would have ceased to exist in 2011 "due to financial losses."

So how is it possible for this privately held corporation to generate revenue off of women it chooses not to pay? The LFL insists it's an amateur sports league, and its players are categorized as independent contractors instead of employees, meaning they can control the

labor and employment law. "You'd have lawyers swarming the thing and saying their wage is owed, their attorney fee is owed, and we're going to enforce it."

The problem is, of course, that there aren't deep pockets to sue, which some players recognize.

"If I thought they were making just millions and millions of dollars and they weren't trying to share it at all, I'd be like, 'Oh, come on,' ... but we're not making that much right now," said Alberts, a practicing dentist. "And if we get to that point, where we really have a following and it's really coming up, then hopefully they would want to share the wealth with us. That would be wonderful."

"But until we get there, I just want to build the sport and play the sport that I love."

Alberts added that when she played in recreational leagues, she had to pay hundreds of dollars out of her own pocket just to play—and athletes for Chicago's other women's tackle team, the Chicago Force, also pay fees. So paying next to nothing to step into a stadium where fans are paying to watch her play seems like a dream come true.

As Alberts and her teammates look to build the league for the future, "Pretty Strong." provides some hope and temporary relief. The players are paid for their participation in the show, and the league called "Pretty Strong." a "major step toward increasing the visibility of the sport which in turn should increase ticket sales" and TV deals. Mortaza himself is also an

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—Alli Alberts, the Chicago Bliss' leading receiver and a practicing dentist

service they provide and they're not entitled to minimum wage or overtime benefits under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

At least two women have said enough is enough, although neither was a member of the Bliss. Former LFL players in California and Las Vegas have filed lawsuits against the league, and as of May 2015, the league defaulted on the Las Vegas case, meaning that it didn't offer a defense against the claims. But the case is still working its way through the courts, meaning the former player hasn't seen a cent of damages. The LFL does not comment on any potential or pending litigation.

"It's pretty clear to me, though, that this is just one of those situations where if there was more money in it, this would be an easy fix," said John Michels Jr., an attorney at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith specializing in

executive producer on the show.

But in terms of the LFL being legally forced to pay its players, Michels explained that the law is only what you can get a judge or court to say. In his opinion, the LFL isn't currently doing anything illegal, although he added that the default case means "you're effectively guilty." But in order to play the sport they love, the Bliss players will have to keep taking hits.

"Right now, they're playing for the joy of the game and the hope that something develops out of this. But in every other respect, these look like organized teams with employees that are putting a product on the field," Michels said. "If [lawyers] thought there was enough money in this, they'd go after them."

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PEP TALK

It's all right, Cubs fans! We've got this.



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1	Game 3 here we go! How do you pep talk the despairing Cubs fan?	"Hey, it's way harder to go 107 years without winning the World Series."	"Perhaps now would be a good time for that shot and beer." #thehazletonway	You give them beer and tell them to man the [bleep] up.	Start with a cold Old Style and tipse around the fact that deGrom is coming up in Game 3.	"Dude, it's cool. Marty McFly said this was the year and he had a time machine. HE KNOWS."
2	The Mets have Daniel Murphy. The billy goat's name was supposedly Murphy. Curse or coincidence?	It's weirder that the goat's middle name was "Yoenis."	SMH... The "Respect 90" mentality is much too pragmatic to believe in such drivel.	Curse. Burn it down.	Curse, curse, curse. Murphy's in-laws are also named O'Leary and his favorite mayor is named Daley.	Coincidence. Murphy is a common-ass name. If the billy goat's name was Cercone and I was on the team, we'd be talkin'.
3	Scoring the fastest goal in MLS history is like winning a Hydrox eating contest.	... celebrating a first-quarter sack. Don't get ahead of yourself, mate.	It took him 7 seconds? Psh, it would have taken Rihanna four, five seconds.	... scoring incredibly quickly in any other way—satisfying for a moment, then people will talk, then you'll quickly be forgotten.	... becoming Sonic the Hedgehog. You go, bro.
4	"That's bull[bleep] football." Who said this and about what?	A cattle rancher about the disgusting game he invented.	Hopefully the entire Bears offense after pedestrian fourth-quarter game-calling cost them the game.	Bears fans every week.	Me as I turned back and forth from Bears/Lions to Broncos/Browns on Sunday. Why couldn't all four of them lose?	Me. About the Ravens, Patriots, Bengals, Browns, Colts, Cowboys... OK, now I'm just listing teams I hate.
5	What's the real reason Tom Brady keeps declining on-field postgame interviews?	He's trying to be Beyonce. It's weird she never talks, right?	Call it a play on solidarity. Great players find ways to bring the best out of everyone.	Because he's a [bleep]head.	Brady's not standing in front of any more microphones if he can't promote Donald Trump's campaign.	Because he sucks and no one wants to see his stupid face.

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Chicago Cubs fans react during the National League Wild Card Game.

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NLCS GAME 3

FOR THE WIN

Drink deals, watch parties and unique specials

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

With the National League Championship Series in Chicago tonight, Cubs mania has officially swept the city. Local spots are welcoming the team home and hoping for a big comeback with curse-breaking deals, drink specials and unique watch parties. Here's where to saddle up for tonight's game.

Southport & Irving

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Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-midnight
The Cubs haven't won the World Series since 1908, so the bar is marking the year by offering two \$19.08 specials during the game: a burger with a Metropolitan Flywheel Bright Lager pilsner and a shot of Fernet-Branca, or a burger with a PBR and a shot of FEW Anguish and Regret malort. The game screens on four TVs.

Magnolia Bakery

108 N. State St. 312-346-7777

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
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Pork Shoppe

5721 N. Clark St. 773-654-1800

Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
The restaurant's Andersonville location offers \$2 Budweiser drafts and \$2 mini-brat sandwiches topped with sauerkraut during each playoff game and screens the game with sound on four TVs spread throughout the space.

ACME Hotel Company

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Hours: 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Show your spirit by getting a Cubs-themed haircut from barber Miguel Rosas, whose portrait of pitcher Jake Arrieta on a friend's head went viral during the team's run against the Cardinals. Prices vary.

Ceres' Table

3124 N. Broadway 773-922-4020

Hours: 5:30-10 p.m.
Try the Curse of the Goat pizza (\$17) topped with housemade goat sausage, caramelized onions, kale, mozzarella and goat cheese throughout the Cubs' playoff run in the Lakeview restaurant's bar.

Public House

400 N. State St. 312-265-1240

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The River North bar has been packed with fans watching the game on 27 TVs while drinking \$5 drafts of Bud Light, Stella Artois, 312, Green Line and Hoegaarden. A DJ plays during commercial breaks.

Bull & Bear

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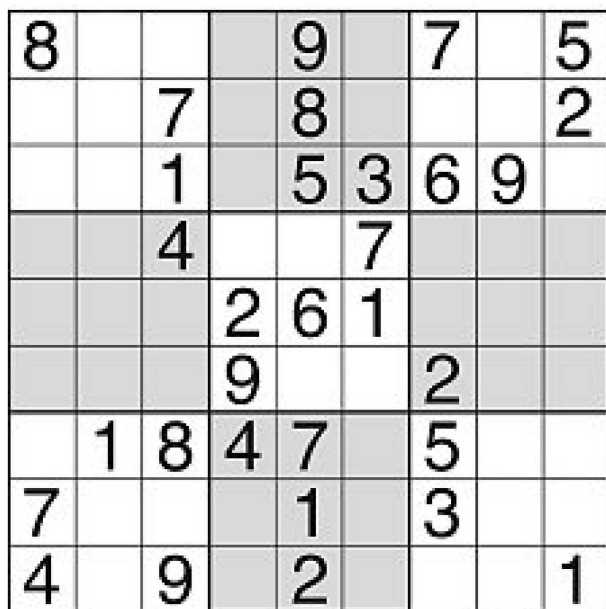
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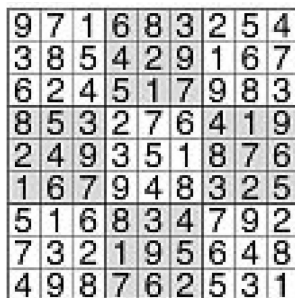
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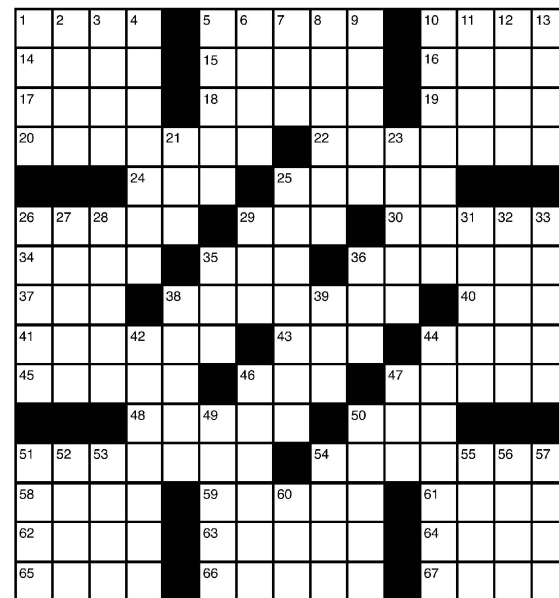


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- 64 Playwright Moss _
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- 66 Hint at
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- 28 Graduate exams, often
- 29 Ear buildup
- 31 Once more
- 32 Repasts
- 33 Ohio or Oregon
- 35 Evergreen tree
- 36 Nip in the _; stop early on
- 38 Military award
- 39 _ Moines, IA
- 42 Money put in one's account
- 44 Small barbecue
- 46 Courtyard
- 47 Massage
- 49 Jewish leader
- 50 Delicious
- 51 Swat
- 52 Scoop holder
- 53 Shacks
- 54 Spill the beans
- 55 Fly high
- 56 Bottle stopper
- 57 _ for; selects
- 60 Helpful hint

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1882: "Dracula" actor Bela Lugosi was born in present-day Lugoj, Romania.
1968: Former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.
1973: The Sydney Opera House was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.
1977: Three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed when a chartered plane crashed in Mississippi.
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65-69	163.50	126.00	66.00	51.00	33.50	26.00	20.50	16.00
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—Beyoncé, to *Beat Magazine*, according to thebeatjuice.com, in her first print interview since 2013. Damn, girl.



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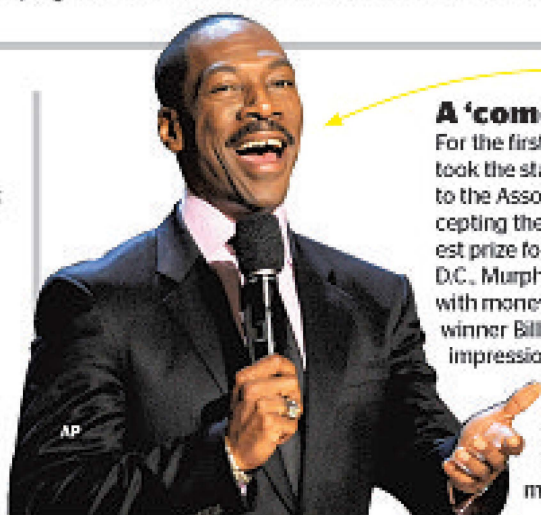
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were expected to go on sale Monday night in the U.S., where the movie is set to be released Dec. 18.

That's how many "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" tickets were sold by Vue, the U.K.'s third-largest theater operator, in the first 90 minutes of them going on sale Monday, according to thr.com. It was the company's "biggest first hour of advance ticket sales seen so far this year," a spokesperson said. Other cinema chains in the U.K. reported website outages during the first day of advanced ticket sales. THR reported. Tickets

Drinking buddies, for real

Olivia Wilde told Sam Jones for "Off Camera with Sam Jones" that she was drunk while making the 2013 comedy "Drinking Buddies." According to ew.com, she said, "We were hammered the entire movie because it was real beer, because beer on that set was cheaper than water, because we were shooting in a brewery." Hey, we get it. We'd want to drink as much Revolution Brewing beer as possible, too.



A 'comedic hero'

For the first time in 28 years, **Eddie Murphy** took the stage for a little stand-up act, according to the Associated Press and thr.com. While accepting the Mark Twain Prize, the nation's highest prize for humor, on Sunday in Washington, D.C., Murphy joked about the prize not coming with money and made some cracks about 2009 winner Bill Cosby, doing his well-known Cosby impression. The star-studded event included tributes to Murphy by Chris Rock, Dave Chappelle, George Lopez, Kathy Griffin, Trevor Noah and Tracy Morgan, who called Murphy his "comedic hero."



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Channing Tatum posted a photo of himself dressed as the world's scariest Winnie the Pooh ever on Instagram on Sunday. He wrote, "Pretty sure I terrified all the children at our daughter's Halloween carnival today. Btw- I'm pooh bear in case anyone can't tell." Scariest costume for a carnival ever.

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